

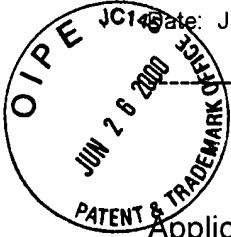
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PATENT

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Title: AUTOMATIC FLUID CONTROL SYSTEM FOR USE IN
OPEN AND LAPAROSCOPIC LASER SURGERY AND
ELECTROSURGERY AND METHOD THEREFOR

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In Response to the Examiner's Office Action mailed March 22, 2000, the period of response for which is hereby extended for two months to June 22, 2000, please accept this response to the restriction requirement entered pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 121 for the above-identified application.

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 121, the Examiner entered a restriction requirement for the following groups of inventions:

Group I: Claims 1-45, drawn to a fluid control system for surgical lasers and electro-surgery apparatus, classified in Class 604, subclass 317.

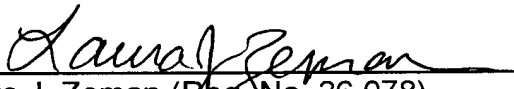
Group II: Claims 46-49, drawn to a multi-functional handpiece

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for performing suction and irrigation, classified in
Class 606, subclass 46.

Applicant hereby provisionally elects the invention of Group I, claims 1-45.

Respectfully submitted,

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